

STATEMENT OF BASIS (AI No. 116698)

This Statement of Basis is for the Notice of Intent to Terminate Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit No. LA0119253.

THE APPLICANT IS: Plains Exploration & Production Company
SL 17379 No. 2 Well
717 Texas, Suite 2100
Houston, TX 77002

ISSUING OFFICE: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ)
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1. PERMIT STATUS**A. Reason For Permit Action:**

Notice of Intent to Terminate a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit, issued for a 5-year term.

B. LPDES permit: LPDES permit effective date: May 1, 2004
LPDES permit expiration date: April 30, 2009

C. Date request to terminate permit received: December 9, 2008

2. FACILITY INFORMATION

A. FACILITY TYPE/ACTIVITY - Oil and gas exploration, development, and production operations. Pogo Producing Company (now owned by Plains Exploration & Production Company) - SL 17379 No. 2 Well is an oil and gas exploration, development, and production facility.

B. FEE RATE

1. Fee Rating Facility Type: Minor
2. SIC Code: 1311

C. LOCATION – West Delta Area Block 54 Field, approximately 19.3 miles southwest of Venice, Plaquemines Parish. Latitude: 28° 59' 49" – Longitude: 89° 23' 36"

3. REASON FOR TERMINATION

It is understood that Plains Exploration & Production Company purchased Pogo Producing Company in November 2007. It is also understood that Plains Exploration & Production Company has not operated at the property associated with this permit.